

**17. (amended)** A polymerizable composition, comprising

- a) at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer or oligomer, and  
b) a compound of formula (I), (II) or (III) according to claim 1.

**20. (amended)** A process for preparing an oligomer, a cooligomer, a polymer or a copolymer (block or random) by free radical polymerization of at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer or oligomer, which comprises (co)polymerizing the monomer or monomers/oligomers in the presence of an initiator/regulator compound of formula (I), (II) or (III) according to claim 1 under reaction conditions capable of effecting scission of the O-C bond to form two free radicals, the  $\bullet$ C radical being capable of initiating polymerization.

**27. (new)** A polymerizable composition, comprising

- a) at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer or oligomer, and  
b) a compound of formula (IV), (V), (VI) or (VII) according to claim 16.

**28. (new)** A process for preparing an oligomer, a cooligomer, a polymer or a copolymer (block or random) by free radical polymerization of at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer or oligomer, which comprises (co)polymerizing the monomer or monomers/oligomers in the presence of an initiator/regulator compound of formula (IV), (V), (VI) or (VII) according to claim 16 under reaction conditions capable of effecting scission of the O-C bond to form two free radicals, the  $\bullet$ C radical being capable of initiating polymerization.